

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 29 January 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills**

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 3, 5 – 13 and 15 were asked. Question 2, 3 and 10 were grouped together for answer. Question 4 was withdrawn. Question 14 was not asked. Questions 5 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**

The item started at 14.21

All 15 questions were asked.

### **3 Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on the Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Follow up report**

The item started at 15.05

#### **NDM5415 Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the follow-up report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 17 October 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

#### 4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.56

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

##### NDM5416 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the proposals for inward investment outlined in the Welsh Conservative document 'Destination Cymru'.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	41	53

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

##### Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the poor quality of data collected at national (Wales) level for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Office of National Statistics to provide comprehensive data on FDI including sectors, origin and value.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

##### Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that economic conditions have shifted significantly over the past two decades and that the Welsh Government's strategy must also shift accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

### **Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that UK Trade & Investment does not have a centre in Wales nor a Welsh strategy but does have one for Scotland and England.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	39	54

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Enterprise and Business Committee's current inquiry into the Welsh Government's approach to the promotion of trade and inward investment.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the comments of the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport to the Enterprise and Business Committee on 14 March 2012 that the Welsh Government has not got the brand of Wales right, and regrets that no brand strategy has since been presented.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM5416 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the proposals for inward investment outlined in the Welsh Conservative document 'Destination Cymru'.

Notes the Enterprise and Business Committee's current inquiry into the Welsh Government's approach to the promotion of trade and inward investment.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	5	27	54

The motion as amended was not agreed.

## **5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate**

The item started at 16.51

**Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5417 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the findings of the School Food Plan that free school meals for all children in primary schools would lead to positive improvements in health, educational attainment and social cohesion and help families with the cost of living.

2. Notes that in Wales only 21% of infants currently receive a free school meal and only around 24% of primary age pupils in 2012–13 took a free school breakfast.

3. Notes that Wales will receive over £62m of Barnett consequential revenue funding for 2014–16 and over £4m of capital funding in 2014–15 following the announcement by the UK Government on free school meals for all infant age pupils in England.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to use the Barnett consequential to introduce universal free school meals for infants in Wales, so that all infants can receive a hot, healthy school lunch to boost pupil health, education and well-being.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	0	49	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

In point 1, delete all after ‘School Food Plan’ and replace with ‘that well-nourished children fare better at school’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	44	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

**Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

In point 4, delete all after ‘Barnett consequential’ and replace with ‘in the most effective and proven way to improve standards and well-being and to publish a programme of its intentions for all school meals provision’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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10	0	44	54
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**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**As the Assembly has not agreed the motion without amendment, and has not agreed the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion is therefore not agreed.**

### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.44

### **6 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.50

### **NDM5413 Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)**

Graduate Employment – Stopping the Brain Drain to England

Creating jobs and opportunities in Wales for the best and brightest graduates from Welsh Universities

The meeting concluded at 18:13

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 4 February 2014**